

# Cummins-ORNL\ Emissions CRADA: NO<sub>x</sub> Control & Measurement Technology for Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines, Self-Diagnosing SmartCatalyst Systems

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# Overview

## Timeline

- Year 1 of 3-year program
- New 3-year CRADA extension
- Builds on FY13-FY15 R&D

## Budget

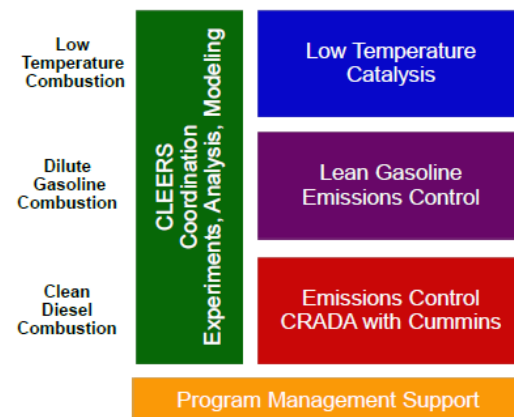
- 1:1 DOE:Cummins cost share
  - In-kind Cummins contribution
- FY16 DOE Funding: \$300k
  - Task3: Cummins CRADA on Diesel Emissions Control
  - Part of ORNL project: “Enabling Fuel Efficient Engines by Controlling Emissions” (2015 VTO AOP Lab Call)

## Barriers

- *From DOE VT MYPP:*
  - 2.3.1.B: Cost-effective emission control
  - 2.3.1.C: Modeling for emission control
  - 2.3.1.E: Emissions-control durability

## Partners

- **ORNL & Cummins Inc.**
- CLEERS
- Queen’s Univ. Belfast
- Univ. of Chem. & Tech. Prague



# Objectives & Relevance

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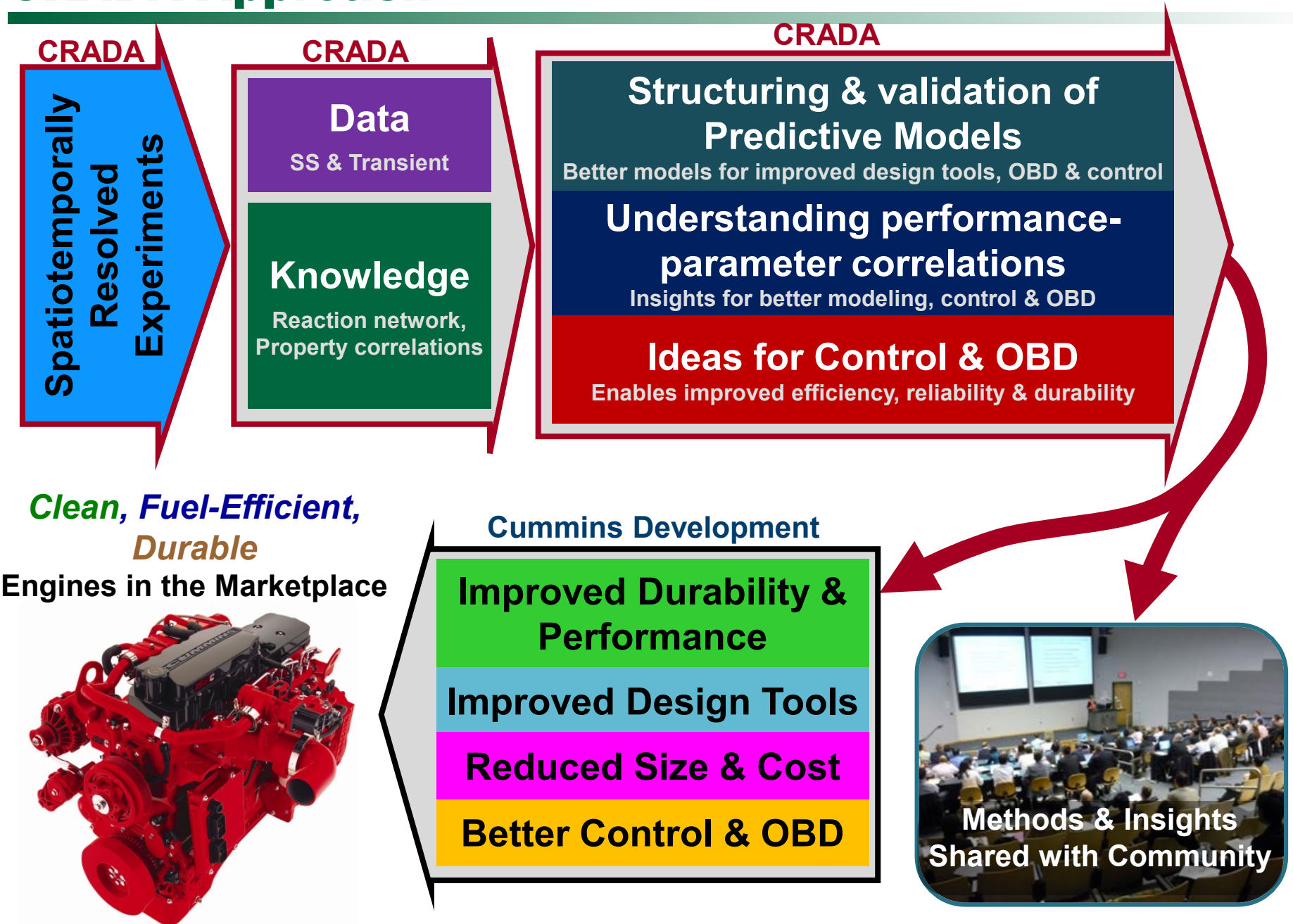
## Objectives

- Enable & improve ***Predictive Catalyst-Performance Models***
  - Based on controlling physics & chemistry
  - Independent of specific application platform (e.g., truck, bus, boat, power)
- Characterize spatiotemporally distributed catalyst performance
  - Investigate ageing impacts (performance at different catalyst states)
  - Validate & improve models
  - Mine data & insights for OBD & control methodologies
- Develop methods for real-time catalyst-state assessment

## Relevance

- Predictive models ***enhance engine-catalyst-system performance***
  - Design – improved design tools, more reliable analysis-led design
  - Development – faster & lower cost process, reduced component cost & size
  - In-Field Use – improved control, OBD, efficiency & durability
  - Enables improved emissions compliance & improved fuel economy
  - CLEERS Priority Survey ranks SCR aging mechanisms & models #4 (/64)
- Advances DOE goals for improving catalyst cost, modeling & durability

# CRADA Approach



# Milestones

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## Completed all 2015 Milestones:

- ✓ **Q2:** Assess distributed performance of Field-Aged commercial SCR catalyst
- ✓ **Q3:** Present CRADA ageing insights at CLEERS Workshop

## On track for meeting 2016 R&D objectives:

- Develop Step-Response method for determining catalyst-state parameter
- Assessment & development of predictive catalyst performance model
- Investigate common aspects of dynamic inhibition

# Technical Progress: Overview

## Enabling SmartCatalyst Systems

Tools & Models for better Design, OBD & Adaptive Control

### Impacts of Field-Ageing & Adaption Methods

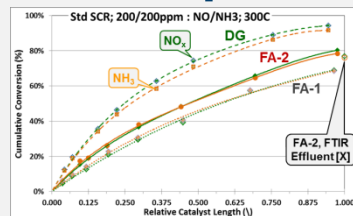
- Field-Aged sample compared to DeGreened
  - Lower SCR conversion and Total  $\text{NH}_3$  Capacity
  - Same Dynamic  $\text{NH}_3$  Capacity and adsorption energetics
  - Can use same adsorption model with scaling factor

Are insights from  
FA-1 generally  
applicable?

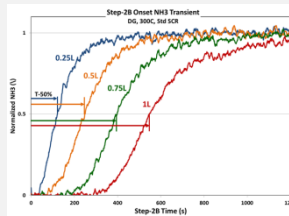
Concept for  
catalyst-state  
assessment

Spaci data allows  
critical model  
assessment

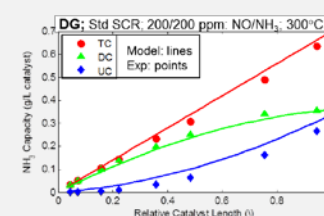
### 2<sup>nd</sup> Field-Aged Sample



### Method for State Assessment



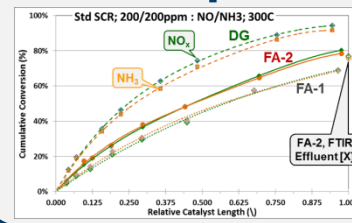
### Validate Cummins Predictive Model



FY 2015

FY 2016

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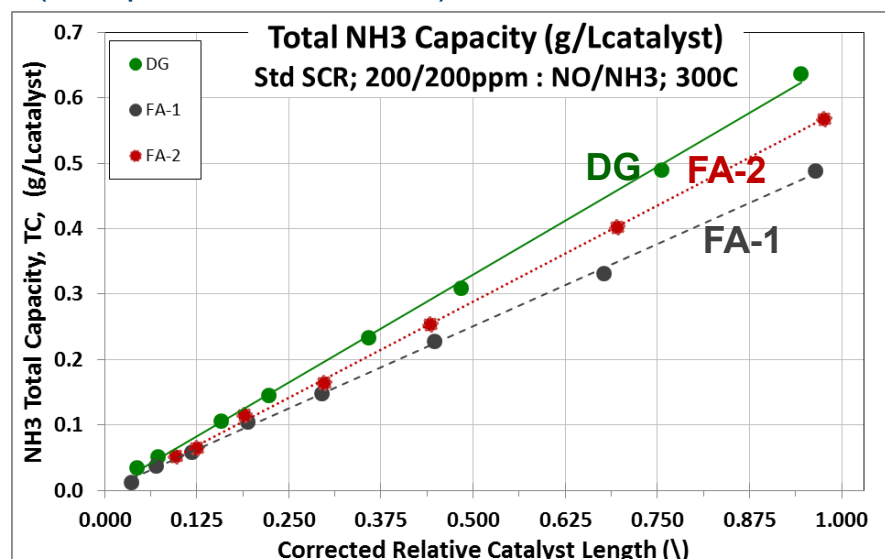
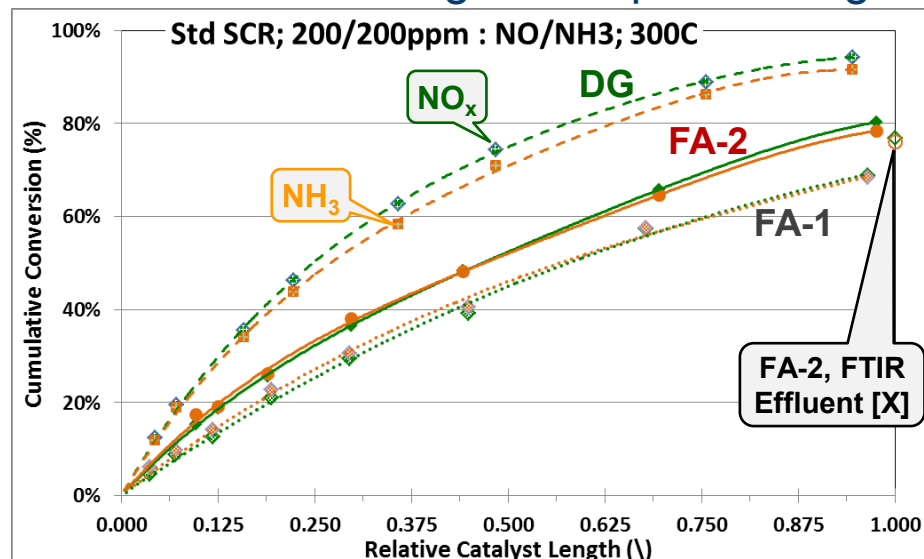




# Tech.Prog.: Similar Impact from two Field-Aged Catalyst Samples

Are FA-1 insights (2015 AMR) applicable to other Field-Aged (FA) samples?

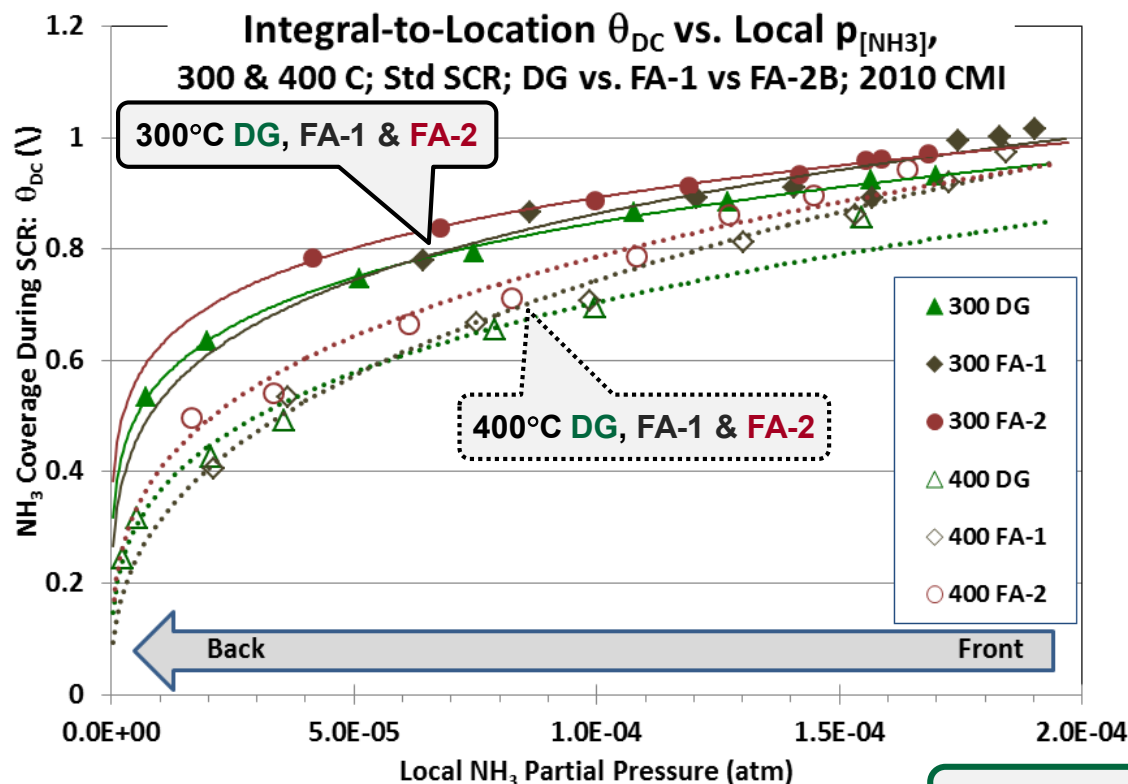
- Will a single predictive model work for different Field-Aged samples?
- Commercial 2010 Cummins, Cu/SAPO-34 SCR catalysts
  - Different field exposures; unknown exposure details; normal ageing profiles
  - Value – real-world on-road use; data to critically assess predictive model
- **Two different field-aged samples show similar performance response**
  - Field ageing degrades conversion & Total NH<sub>3</sub> Capacity (TC)
  - Same capacity utilization correlations (cf. Backup Slides)
  - Does not change absorption energetics (cf. Operando Isotherms)



**Similarities suggests FA-1 insights are applicable to other FA samples**



# Tech.Prog.: Field Ageing does not Practically Impact $\text{NH}_3$ Adsorption Energetics



- Similar  $\text{NH}_3$  adsorption energetics for three catalyst states: DG, FA-1 & FA-2
  - Same shape at a given temperature
  - Compliments CLEERS work (ACE032)
    - Neat isotherm studies; SSZ & SAPO
    - CRADA provides operando & ageing

- **Operando isotherms**
  - Measured under SCR-reaction conditions:  $\text{NO}_x + \text{NH}_3$
  - vs. ‘neat’ studies: without  $\text{NO}_x$
- Shape of 2-site Langmuir
  - cf. neat CLEERS studies
- Selective adsorption-site ageing would change shape
  - $\Delta\text{Energetics} \rightarrow \Delta\text{Shape}$

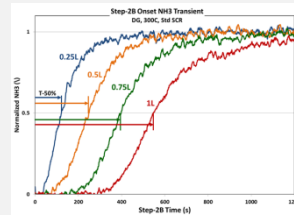
## **Simplifies modeling of aged samples**

- Field ageing reduces number of sites
- But adsorption occurs in same way
- Use same model with scaling factor

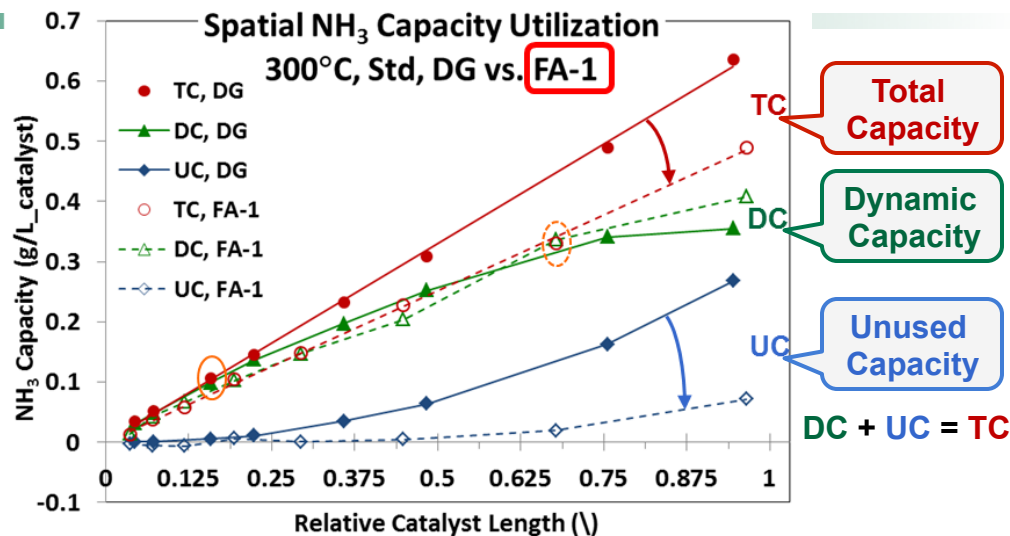
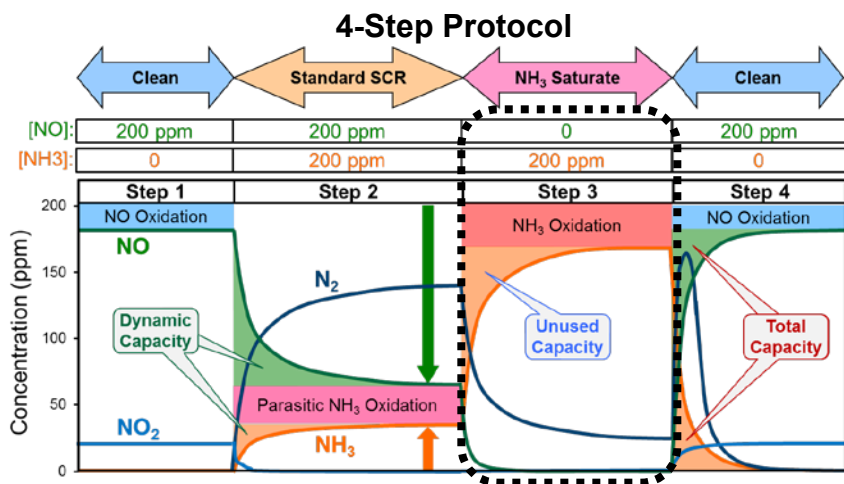
## **Need to determine catalyst state**

- i.e., age-dependent **TC** & scaling factor

## Method for State Assessment



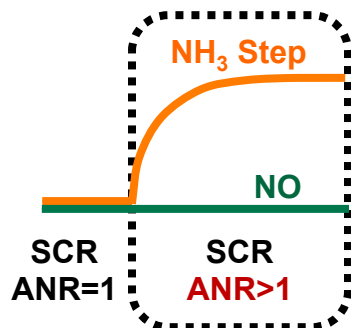
# Tech.Prog.: Transient Response Measurement of Catalyst State



- **DC**, **UC** & **TC** capacity components determined from 4-Step Protocol

– **UC** varies with catalyst state

- **UC** & **TC** variations are related
- Use to measure catalyst state

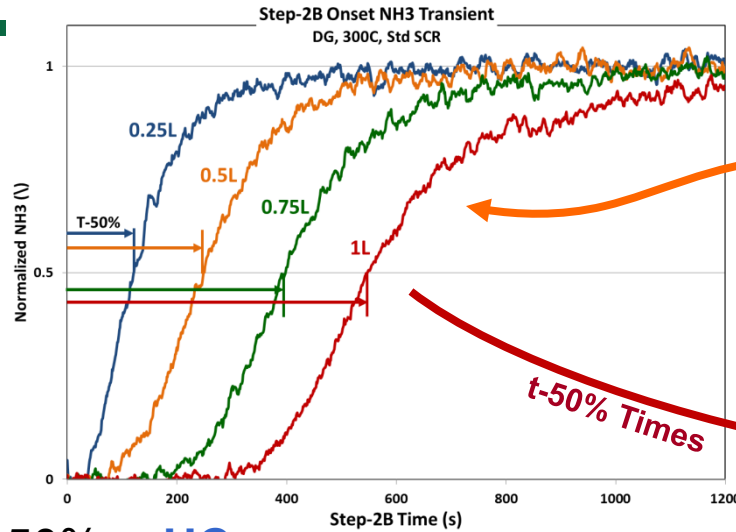


- Protocol not practical for on-road use
- NH<sub>3</sub> step response to probe **UC** variations
  - SCR continues with NH<sub>3</sub>>NO
  - Could implement via dosing control

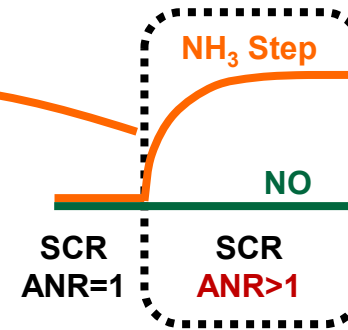
## Use for active catalyst-state determination

- Determine factors for feedback
  - e.g., **TC** scaling factor for predictive-model
- Enable OBD & adaptive control

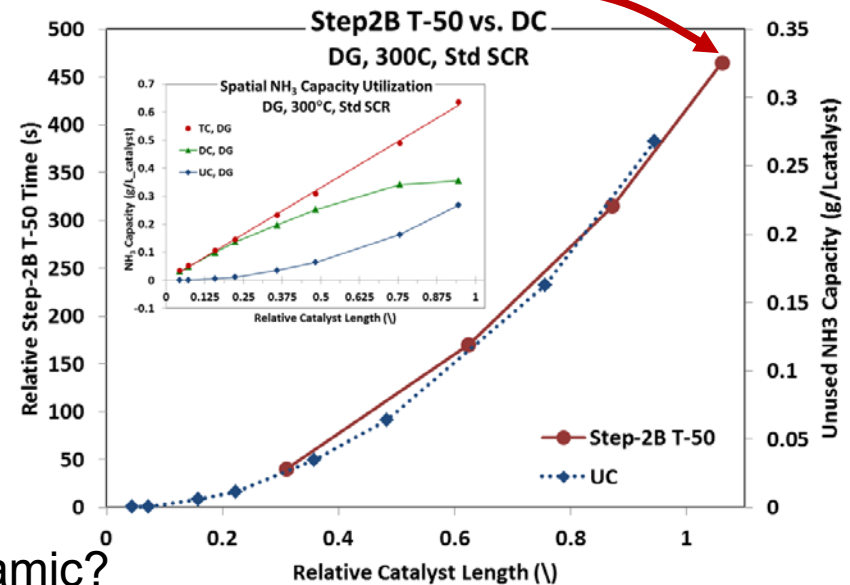
# Tech.Prog.: Stepped SCR Dosing to Determine TC Scaling Factor



NH<sub>3</sub> Response



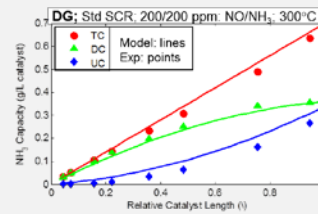
- $t_{-50\%} \propto UC$ 
  - Varies with ageing; DG vs. FA
  - Possible to use other transient features
  - Alternate probes might be possible
- Many challenges remaining
  - What pulse & characteristic to use
  - Correlations with catalyst state & factors
  - Use probe pulse or natural drive-cycle dynamic?



*Approach for practical catalyst-state assessment*

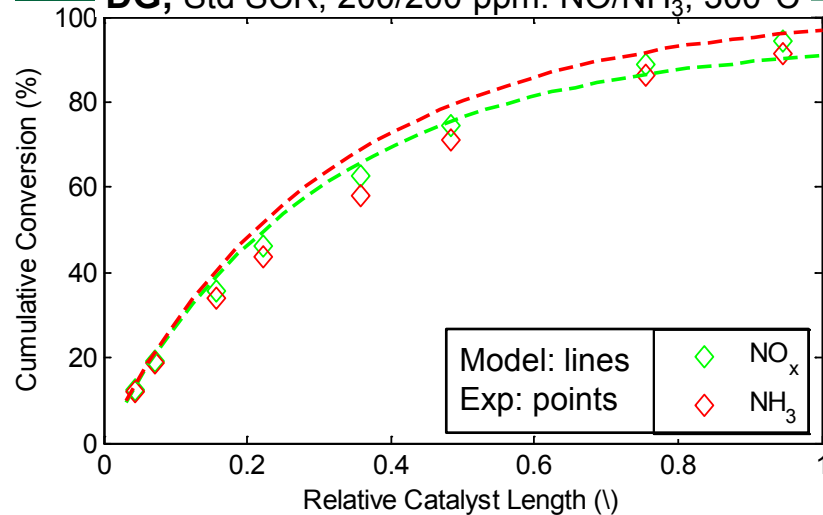
*Pathway for thru-life OBD & feedback-enabled adaptive control*

## Validate Cummins Predictive Model

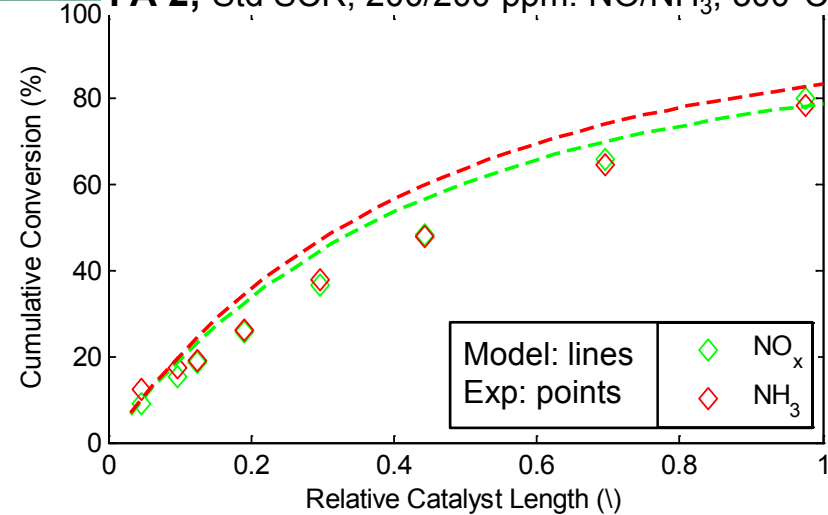


# Tech.Prog.: Validating Cummins Kinetic-Model Structure; P1/2

**DG**; Std SCR; 200/200 ppm: NO/NH<sub>3</sub>; 300°C



**FA-2**; Std SCR; 200/200 ppm: NO/NH<sub>3</sub>; 300°C

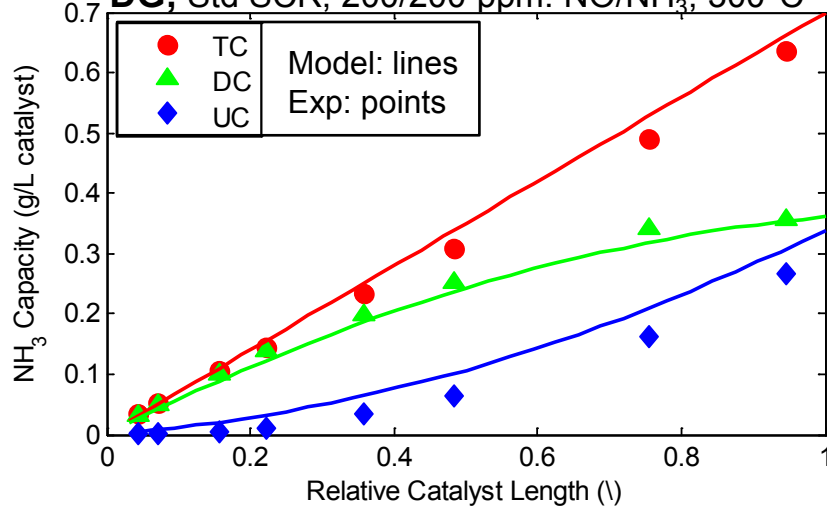


Goal: develop a predictive model to determine the catalyst's internal state

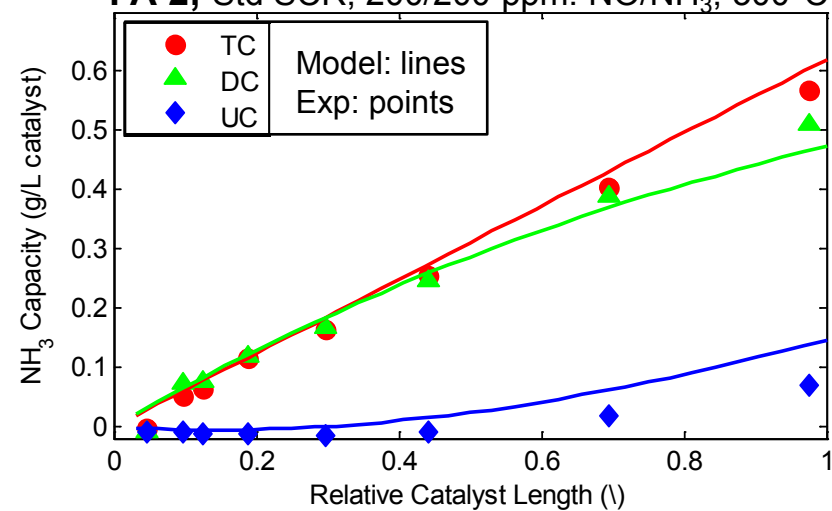
- Cummins' base predictive model is very complex
  - Many ways to structure & numerous model parameters to fit/determine
  - Developed based on integral DeGreened catalyst measurements
  - Run in AVL Boost
- Predictive model modifications for FA-2 sample
  - Reduced SCR reaction pre-exponential (*impacts conversion and DC distributions*)
  - Reduced integral TC (*impacts TC & UC distributions*)
- Model accurately predicts conversion distributions within the catalyst
  - Ability to predict intra-catalyst distributions a rigorous assessment test
    - Particularly for catalysts with internal storage functions like SCR and LNT

# Tech.Prog.: Validating Cummins Kinetic-Model Structure; P2/2

**DG**; Std SCR; 200/200 ppm: NO/NH<sub>3</sub>; 300°C



**FA-2**; Std SCR; 200/200 ppm: NO/NH<sub>3</sub>; 300°C



- Model accurately predicts internal NH<sub>3</sub> capacity utilization
  - In different catalyst states: DG & FA-2
  - Relationships between **TC**, **DC** & **UC** components
  - Supports pathway for catalyst-state assessment; i.e., via **UC** measure

Predictive model rigorously validated vis-à-vis conversion & capacity distributions

- Confirms that model's internal workings are structured & fit properly**
- Enhances confidence in its use to design OBD & reduce design margins**

**Next step is assessing transient performance**



# Responses to 2015 Review Comments

FY2015 AM5 Review  
(5 Reviewers; max score: 4)

## Numerous Positive Comments:

- “excellent approach,” “results always great”
- “solid technical accomplishments”
- “excellent collaborations”
- “solid proposed work to meet a very good plan”

## Recommendations:

- ✓ Include transient behavior in the study
  - *Transients are included in the experimental protocols, and are used for capacity analysis*
  - *An additional transient–response protocol was developed and used this year; see results*
  - *Future work will focus on assessing the predictive model vis-à-vis measured transients*
- ✓ Identify strategies for catalyst-state assessment
  - *This is a major goal of the CRADA, and is one basis for the CRADA approach*
  - *A specific strategy was suggested last year, and others have been demonstrated in the CRADA*
  - *Early work in demonstrating such a strategy is presented this year*
- ✓ Take care to avoid duplication of effort (e.g., within ORNL)
  - *The CRADA works to avoid and does not duplicate efforts*
  - *The CRADA coordinates with CLEERS to compliment without duplicating efforts; e.g., spatially resolved ageing studies, field-aged samples, operando isotherm measurements*
- Better characterization (temp histogram) of field aged samples, and analysis of other axial & radial locations
  - *The field aged samples are from real-world exposure which does not log such detailed exposure data*
  - ✓ *The team works to maximize value and advance the CRADA & DOE goals within in budget constraints*
- Desire to know more regarding Cummins’ contributions to the CRADA
  - ✓ *Both ORNL & Cummins contributing to planning & analysis; Cummins leads the modeling efforts*
- Suggest including automotive OEM’s in the CRADA
  - ✓ *Such valuable broader input is received and incorporated via the AMR and ACEC Tech Team*
  - *The CRADA is a formal partnership between ORNL and Cummins*

Category	Score
Approach	3.40
Tech Progress	3.40
Collaboration	3.60
Future Research	3.30
Weighted Average	3.41

# Collaborations & Coordination with Other Institutions

- **Cummins**

- CRADA Partner, Neal Currier (Co-PI)



- **CLEERS (ACE022, Pihl, Wednesday 4:15pm)**

- Diagnostics, analysis & modeling coordination



- **UCT, Prague (Profs. Marek & Kočí)**

- $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  formation & control studies (with CLEERS)
- David Mráček, et al. (2015). Appl. Catalysis B: Env. 182, 109-114.
- Petr Kočí, et al., 24<sup>th</sup> NAM, 2015.
- David Mráček et al., CAPoC10, 2015.



- **Politecnico di Milano (Profs. Tronconi & Nova)**

- Mechanistic SCR studies (with CLEERS)
- Maria Pia Ruggeri, et al. (2015). Appl. Catalysis B: Env. 166, 181-192.
- M.P. Ruggeri, et al. CAPoC10, 2015.



- **Queen's University, Belfast (Prof. Alex Goguet)**

- Spatially resolved methods and analysis
- Kevin Morgan, et al. (2016). ACS Catalysis 6, 1356-1381.



- **Publications, Presentations & Recognition**

- 3 Archival Journal Publication, 4 Presentations
- Invited journal publication & presentation
- Spaci-approach highlighted on ACS Catalysis cover



# Remaining Challenges & Barriers, and Proposed Future Work

**Major Challenge:** Improved catalyst Efficiency, Cost, Durability, OBD & Control

**Solution:** Develop Predictive Models & methods for Catalyst-State Assessment

- Spatially & temporally resolved intra-catalyst performance distributions
- Apply for model development & mine correlations for control strategies

## Challenges

## Approach\Future Work (FY16-18):

Sensing catalyst state

- Determine state-dependent parameters and variations throughout catalyst-system life
- Improved OBD

Develop practical diagnostic methods

- Advance insights from Pulse\Step-Response method
- Investigate other transients and response features
- Identify how to use natural drive-cycle features

Life-optimized catalyst performance

- Enable through-life adaptive control based on sensor feedback

Develop robust physicochemical predictive models

- Validate distributed transient performance
- Adjust internal structure & complexity as required
- Assess vis-à-vis other SCR catalysts & aged states

New insights to advance primary modeling & state-sensing objectives

Further detailed characterization & analysis

- Incorporating & comparing to CLEERS data
- Threshold aspects of dynamic inhibition
- Radial & axially distributed ageing impacts

***Work supports predictive model & state-sensor development for enabling improved catalyst efficiency, control, durability & cost***

# Summary

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- **Relevance**

- CRADA work enables improved catalyst knowledge, models, design & control
- This reduces catalyst system costs & required engine-efficiency tradeoffs
- This in turn enables DOE goals for improved fuel economy

- **Approach**

- Develop & apply diagnostics to characterize catalyst nature
- Analyze data to understand mechanistic details of catalyst functions & ageing impacts
- Develop physicochemical predictive catalyst models based on improved catalyst knowledge

- **Technical Accomplishments**

- Evaluate second Field Aged sample, FA-2
  - Compare distributed performance with DG & FA-1 samples; identify parameter correlations
- Demonstrate practical method for catalyst-state assessment
- Validated internal structure and fit of Cummins predictive catalyst model
  - Via distributed steady-state performance; transient assessment is next

- **Collaborations**

- Numerous university collaborations resulting in presentations, publications and advances
- Coordination & collaboration with other DOE projects to maximize benefit

- **Future Work**

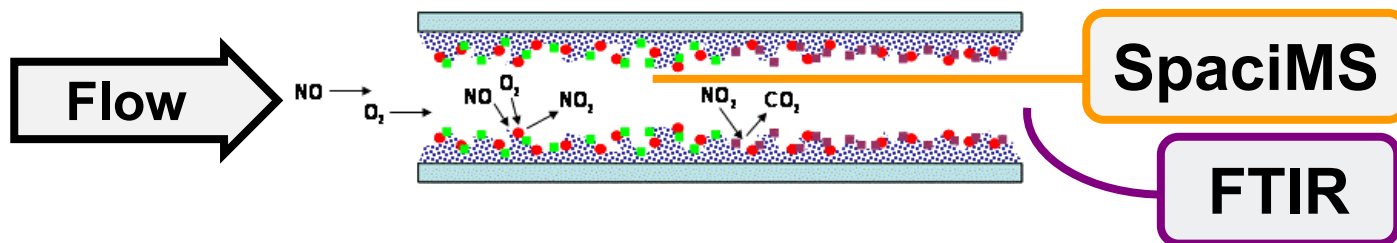
- Apply data & insights to improve catalyst predictive models & catalyst-state assessment
- Analysis to understand transient catalyst performance & common parameter thresholds
- Evaluation of alternate ageing conditions, sample locations and catalyst types

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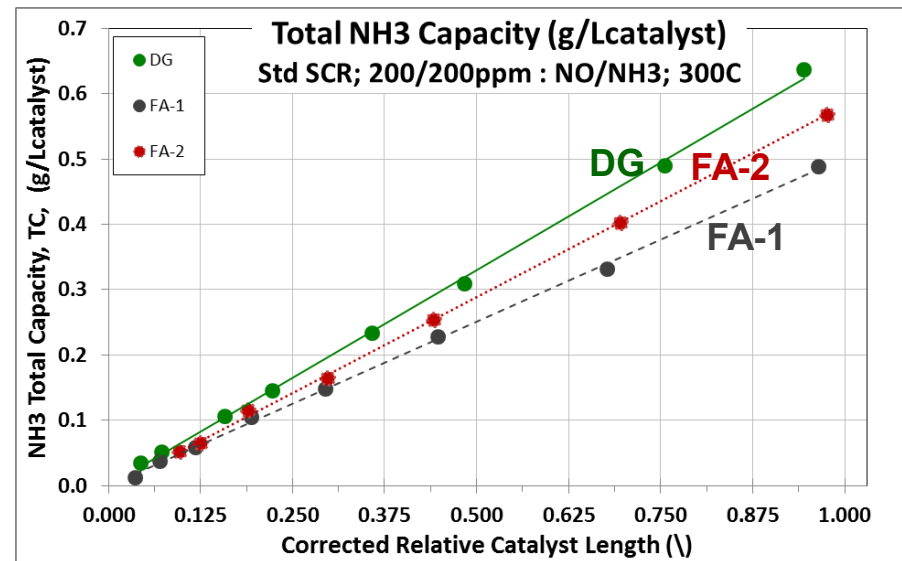
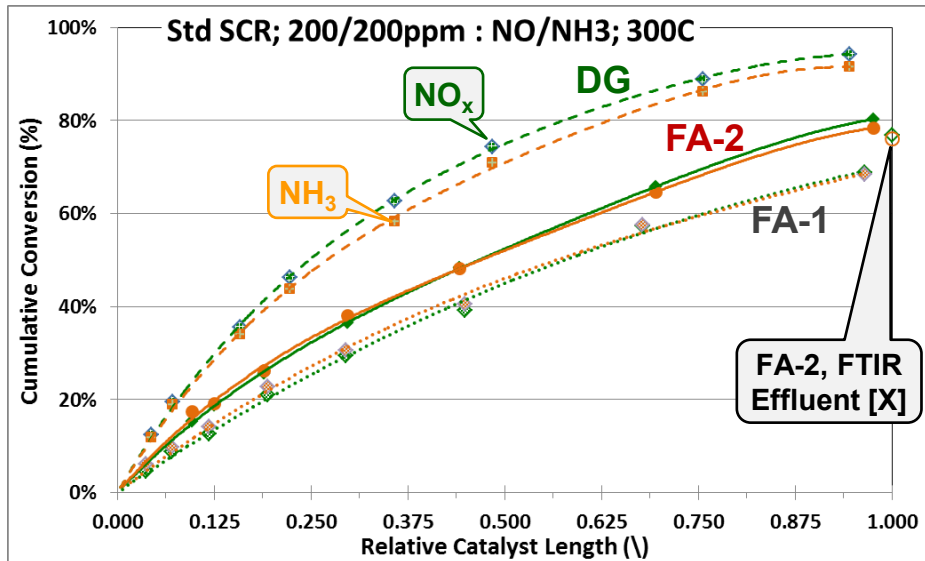
## **Technical Back-Up Slides**

# Experimental: Catalyst, Conditions, Methods & Approach

	Commercial	State	Conditions
Catalyst	2010 CMI, Cu/SAPO-34	DeGreened (DeG)	700°C, 4hrs, 10%O <sub>2</sub> + 5%H <sub>2</sub> O; • From front of sample B11-22
Mini-Core size	21 cells; ca. 2.45-cm long x 0.78 wide		
Channel density	300 cpsi (FA2 is 400)	Field Ageing (FA1)	Prepared by CMI; • CMI date: 7-1-2014 • Normal ageing profile • From front of larger sample; • Pretreatment at ORNL: • 500°C to remove HC & S • Cycling at 200, 300 & 400C to steady state
Space Velocity	40,000 hr <sup>-1</sup>		
NH <sub>3</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub>	200ppm, 200ppm		
Base O <sub>2</sub> & H <sub>2</sub> O	10% & 5%		
Temperatures	200, 300 & 400°C	Field Ageing (FA2)	Prepared by CMI; • Provided: 9-9-2015 • Normal ageing profile FA-2A: as received • FA-2B: High T Treatment • Baseline mix; 500°C, 2hr
Standard SCR	✓ focus of these slides		
Fast SCR	✓		
Diagnostic	SpaciMS & FTIR, CMI 4-Step Protocol		



# Tech.Prog.: Assessing Differences in Two Field-Aged Catalysts

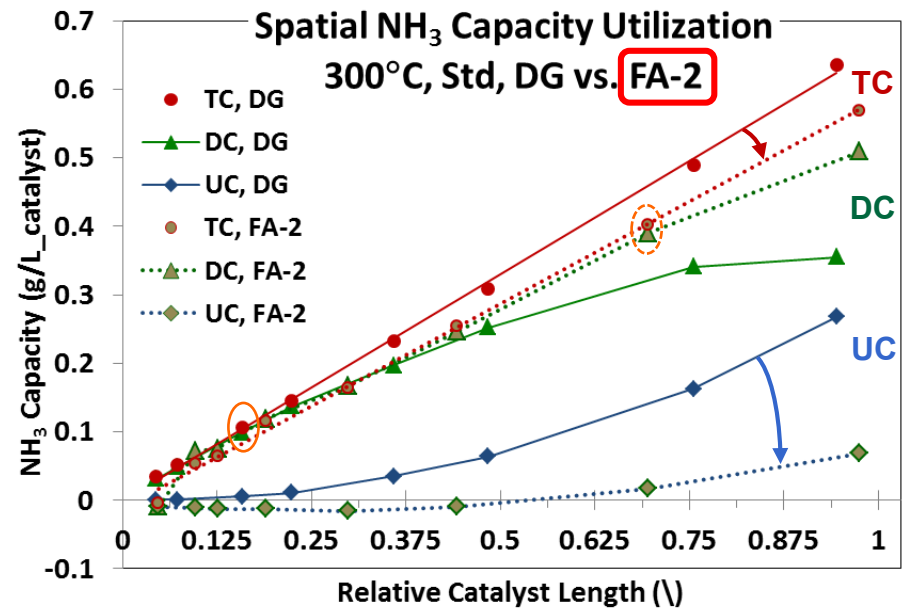
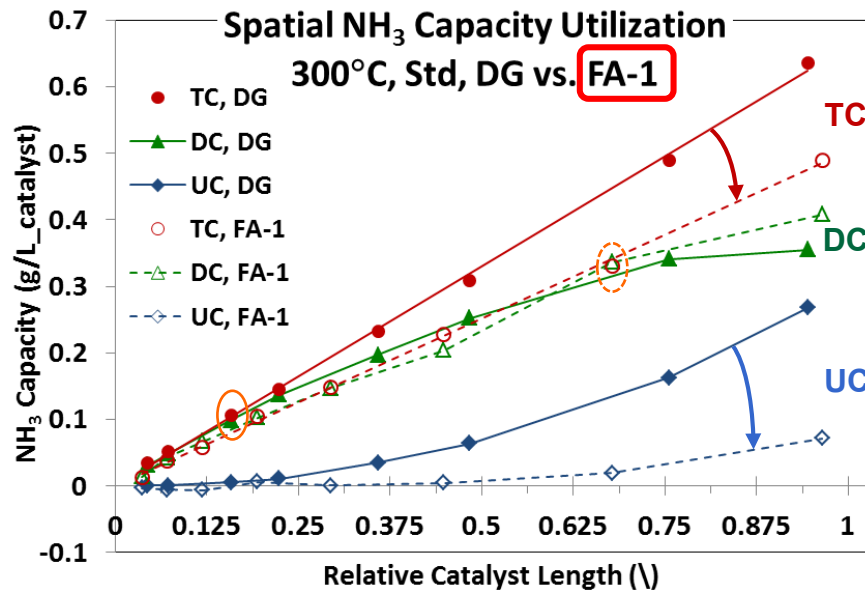


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  - Value – real-world on-road use; data to critically assess predictive model
- Field ageing degrades conversion and Total NH<sub>3</sub> Capacity (TC)
  - Generally similar although different absolute impacts
  - Better FA-2 conversion consistent with greater TC
  - Similarities suggests FA-1 insights may be applicable to other FA samples
- Using data to assess Cummins' predictive models

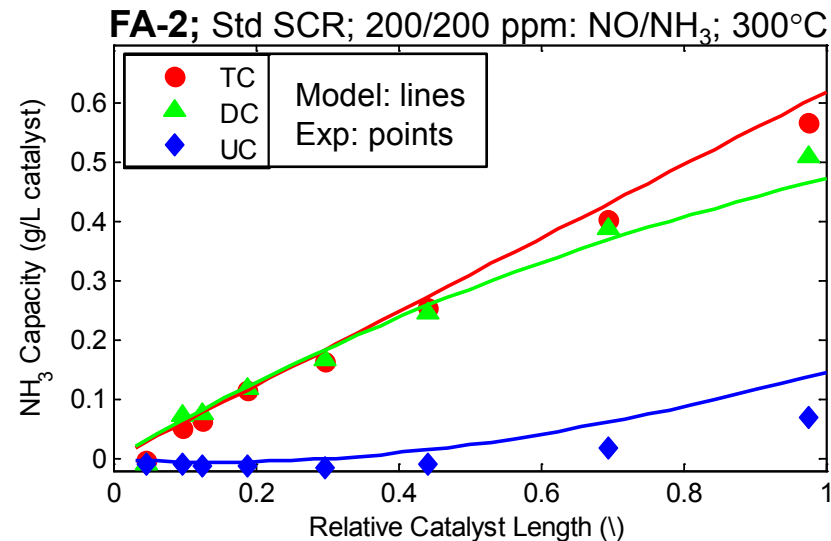
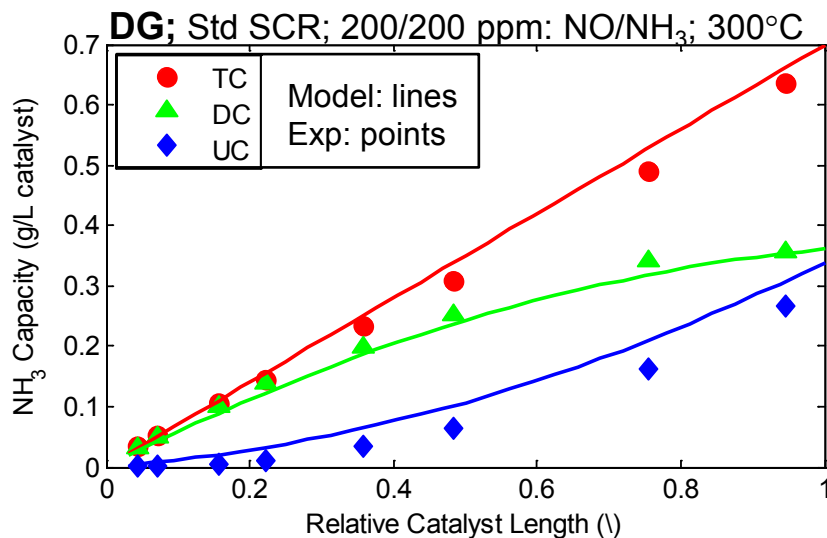
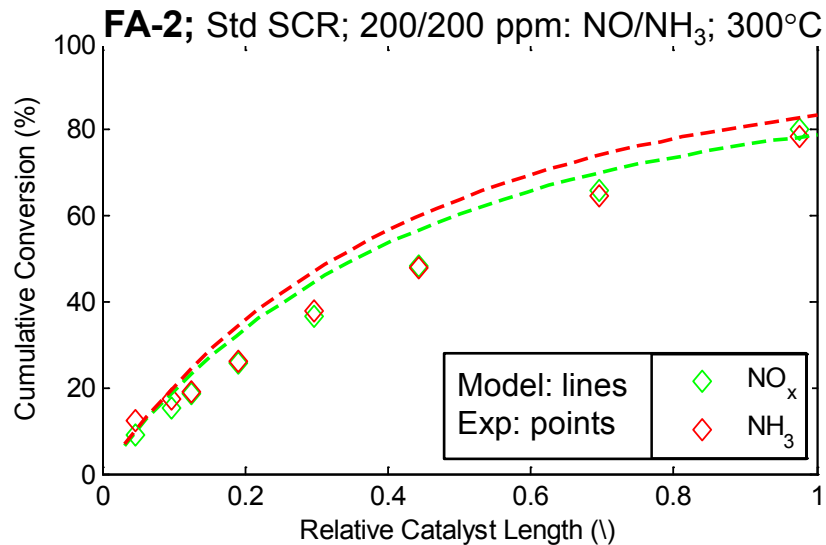
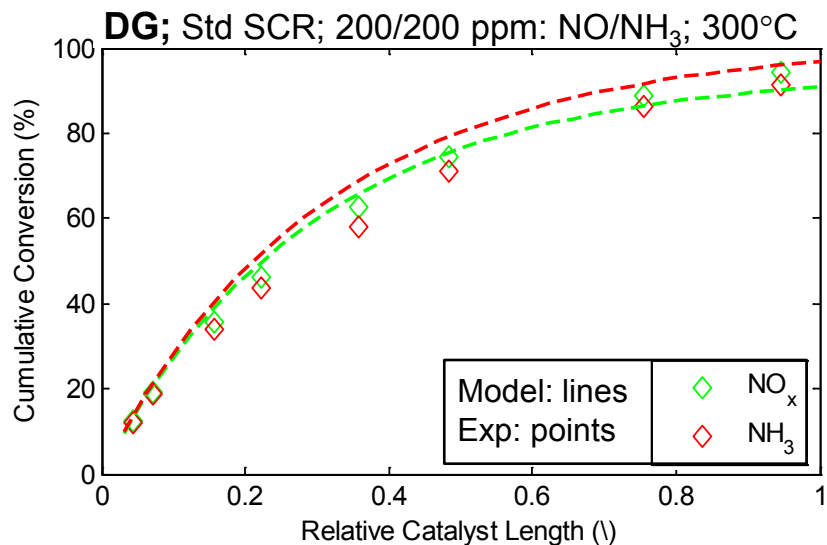


# Tech.Prog.: NH<sub>3</sub> Capacity Utilization Similar for Field Aged Samples

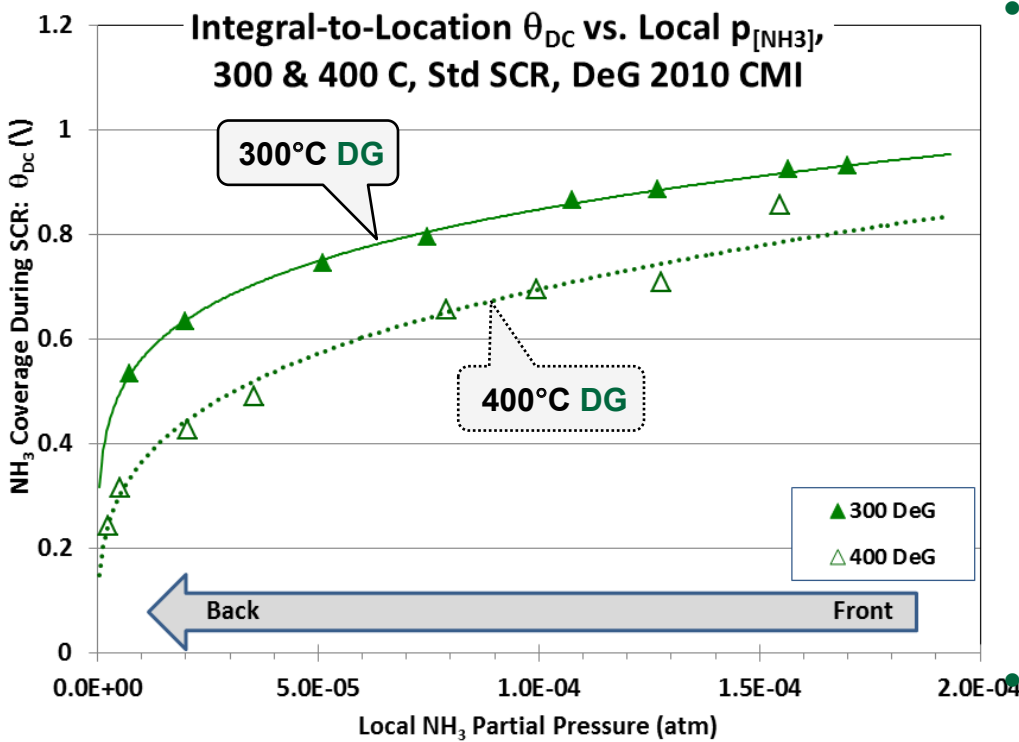


- Three NH<sub>3</sub> Capacity Components: Total (**TC**), Dynamic (**DC**), Unused (**UC**)
  - DC is fraction used during SCR; **DC + UC = TC**
- Field ageing has systematic impact on NH<sub>3</sub> capacity utilization & distributions
  - Reduces Total Capacity, TC
  - Lower SCR rate extends SCR deeper into the catalyst
    - Reduces DC-TC separation; separation occurs deeper into the catalyst
    - Reduces Unused Capacity, UC
- Ageing state and capacity utilization are correlated
  - Use capacity to determine catalyst state and state-dependent parameters

# Tech.Prog.: Spaci Used to Validate Kinetic Model Structure



# Adsorption Isotherm has Characteristics of 2-Site Langmuir

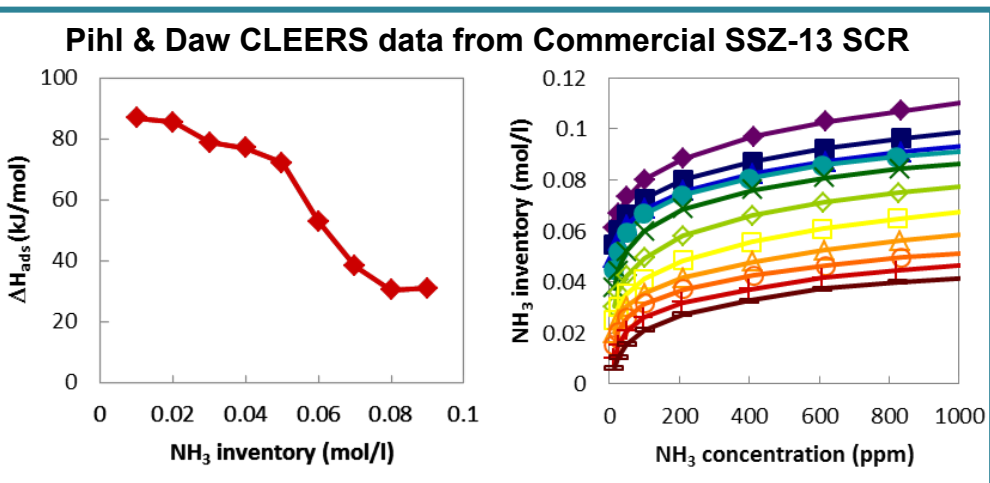


- $NH_3$  Isotherm from SpaciMS data
  - **Under SCR reaction conditions**
    - Isotherm has extra loss term: reaction
  - Normalized coverage shown
    - $DC / (DC + UC)$
  - Adsorption is faster than even Fast SCR
    - Implied by DC-TC separation at a common  $[NH_3]$  for Standard & Fast SCR (previously shown)
  - Can interpret isotherm classically

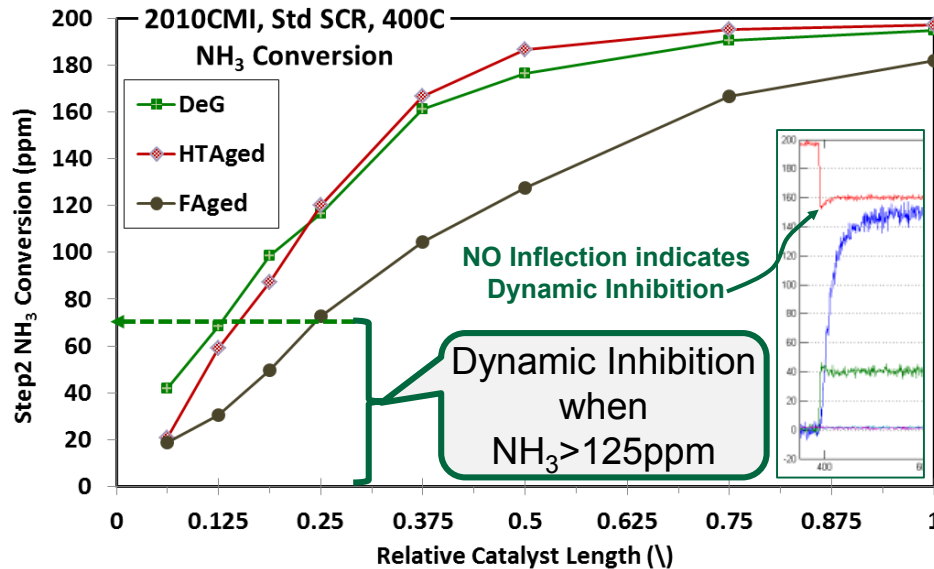
Shape is like 2-site Langmuir

- See Pihl & Daw CLEERS data
  - From commercial SSZ-13 SCR
  - Model fit with uniform partitioning between the ca. 80 & 30kJ/mol sites
- Distinct knee at low  $NH_3$  partial pressure

- Isotherm flattens at higher temperature
  - Typical nature for Langmuir isotherm



# Field Ageing Does Not Change Dynamic NH<sub>3</sub> Inhibition



- Dynamic inhibition at SCR start

- Observed in catalyst front for all samples
- **Observed above consistent [NH<sub>3</sub>] limit**
  - $\geq 165\text{ppm}$  [NH<sub>3</sub>] at 300°C
  - $\geq 125\text{ppm}$  [NH<sub>3</sub>] at 400°C
  - 400°C more sensitive
  - Due to faster reaction or less accessible DC?
  - More sensitive to spillover from Higher-E S2 sites, which are more dominant at high-T
- Impacts NO & NH<sub>3</sub> adsorption parameters

Tronconi, Cat.Today 105, p529; describes dynamic inhibition

- 'modified redox (MR) SCR rate law'
- Depends on T, C<sub>NO</sub>,  $\theta_{\text{NH}_3}$  & C<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>

$$r_{\text{NO}} = \frac{k'_{\text{NO}} O' \exp\left(-\frac{E_{\text{NO}}}{RT}\right) C_{\text{NO}} \theta_{\text{NH}_3}}{1 + K'_{\text{NH}_3} \frac{\theta_{\text{NH}_3}}{1 - \theta_{\text{NH}_3}}} \left(\frac{p_{\text{O}_2}}{0.02}\right)^\beta \quad (12)$$

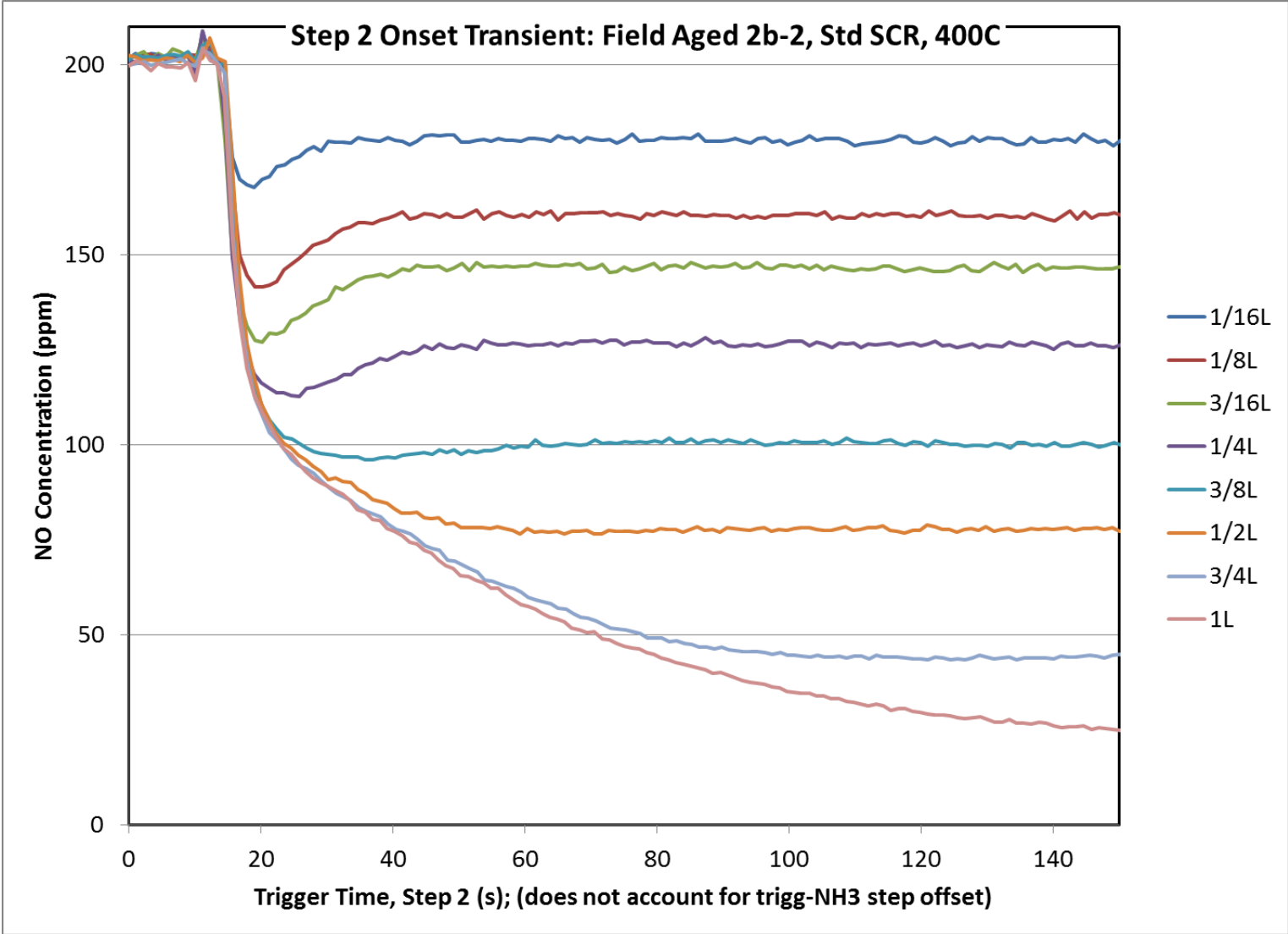
- $r_{\text{NO}}$ : rate of DeNOx reaction
- $E_{\text{NO}}$ : Activation energy for DeNOx reaction
- C<sub>NO</sub>: gas phase concentration of NO
- $\theta_{\text{NH}_3}$ : surface coverage of NH<sub>3</sub>
- $k'_{\text{NO}}$ : pre-exponential factor for DeNOx reaction rate constant
- $K_{\text{NH}_3}$ : NH<sub>3</sub> rate parameter
- p<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>: O<sub>2</sub> partial pressure
- S1: redox site for O<sub>2</sub> & NO adsorption/activation
- S2: acidic site for NH<sub>3</sub> adsorption

- **Suggests inhibiting NH<sub>3</sub> & NO interactions not impacted by FA**

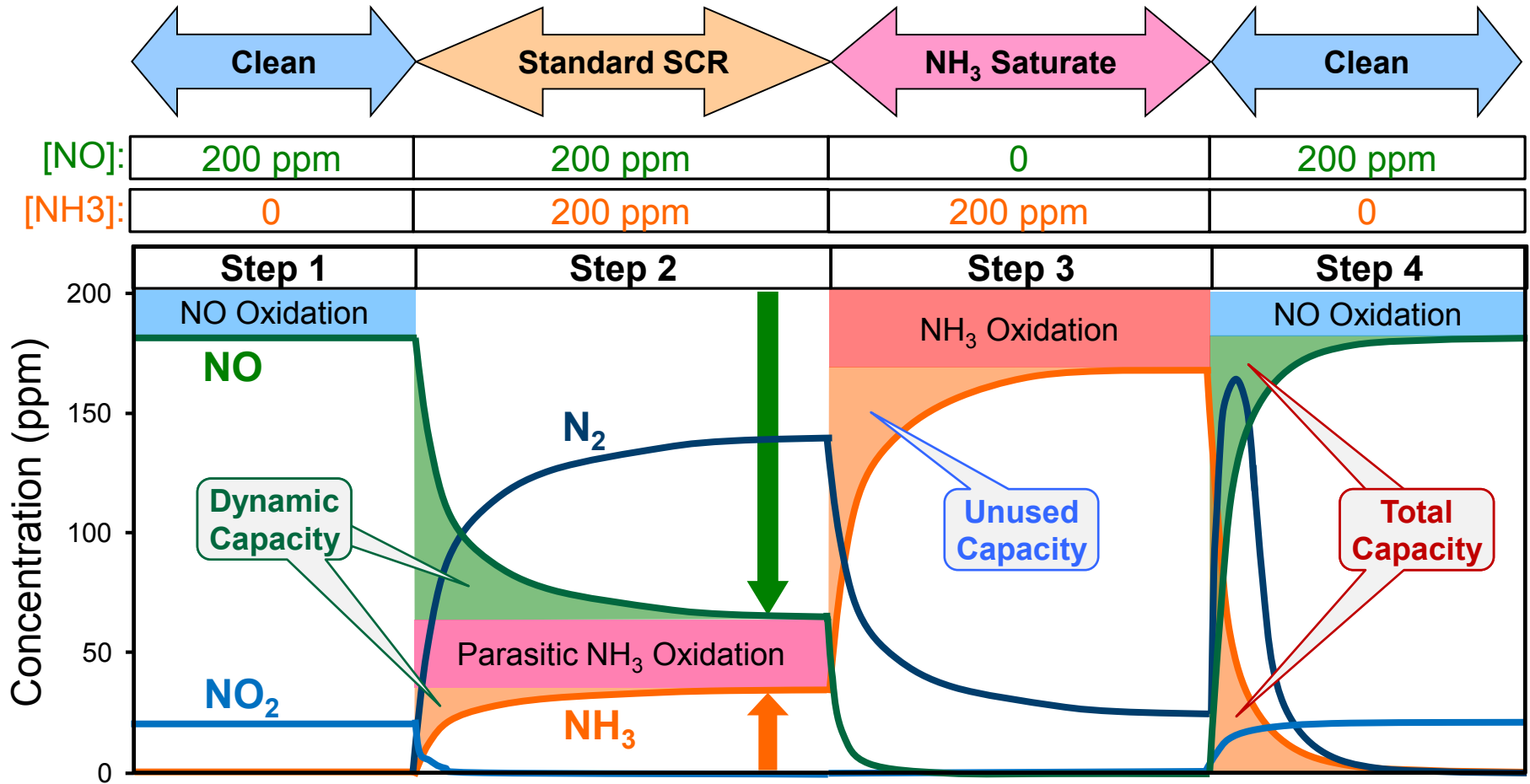
- Abundance of S2 vs S1 sites

- i.e., NH<sub>3</sub> spillover from S2 to S1 is equivalent in DG & FA; even with lower FA TC
- Consistent with lower NH<sub>3</sub> vs. NO capacity
- Consistent with separate S1 & S2 sites
- Can lose many S2 sites before change in NO-adsorption inhibition occurs
- FA selectively impacts S2 sites over S1?

# Dynamic NH<sub>3</sub> Inhibition Exist Deep Into FA-2 Catalyst Sample



# Cummins 4-Step Protocol Resolves Reaction Parameters

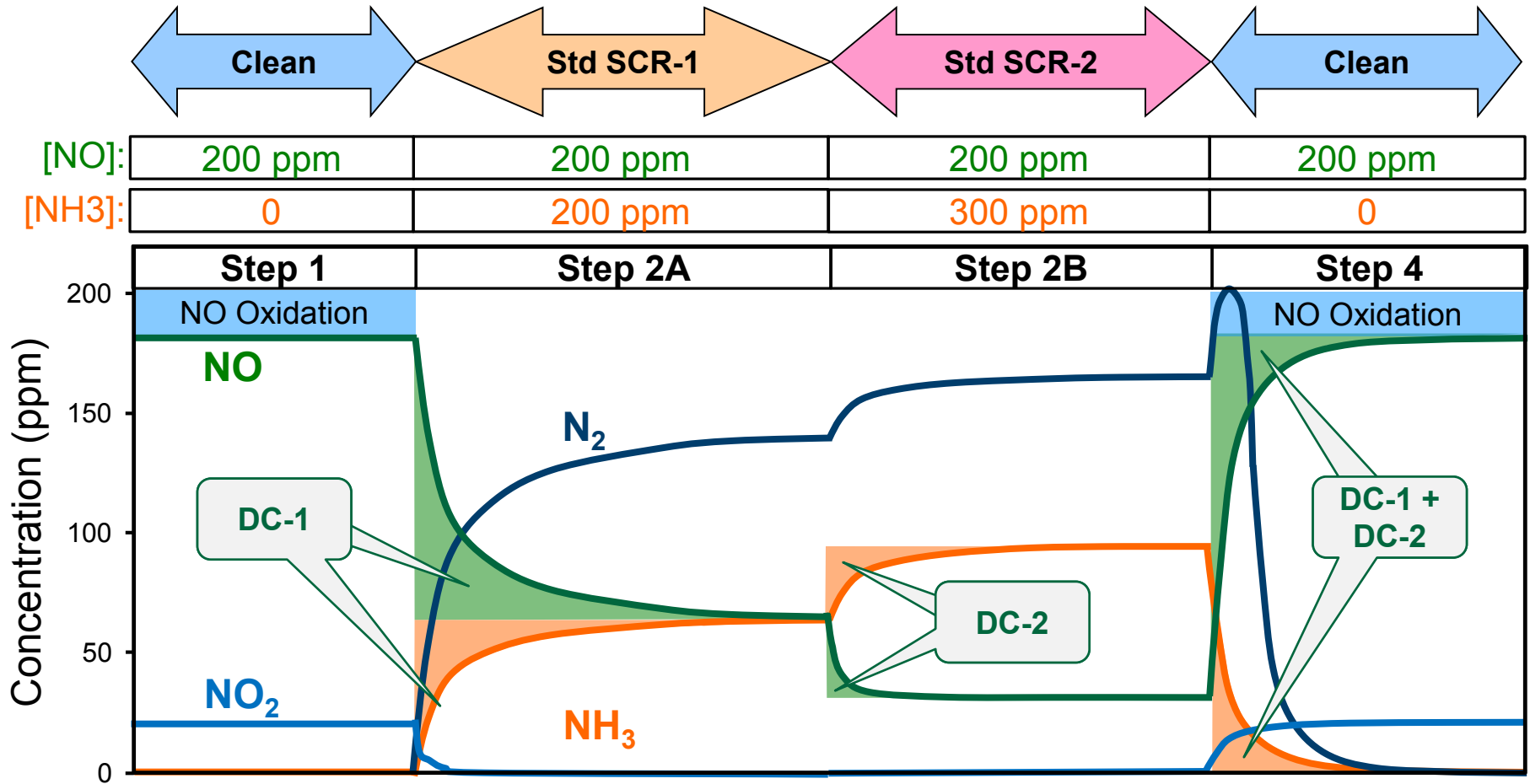


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- Step1: NO oxidation
- Step2: SS NO<sub>x</sub> & NH<sub>3</sub> conversions, Parasitic NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation, Dynamic NH<sub>3</sub> capacity
- Step3: NO<sub>x</sub>-free NH<sub>3</sub> oxidation, Unused NH<sub>3</sub> capacity
- Step4: NO oxidation, Total NH<sub>3</sub> capacity

$$\text{Total} = \text{Dynamic} + \text{Unused}$$

# Pulsed/Step-Response Protocol



- Step1: NO oxidation
- Step2A: DC-1 from SCR with ANR=1
- Step2B: DC-2 from SCR with ANR>1
- Step4: Separate determination of DC-1 + DC-2